

ROCHDALE A.F.C.

OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME



LANCASHIRE MANX CHALLENGE CUP
Sponsored by Isle of Man Tourist Board

SATURDAY, 13th AUGUST 1983

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

DALE v BOLTON WANDERERS

Matchball Sponsor:
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20p

WELCOME

Several players have joined Dale in the summer and to them we say welcome.

The new faces are Steve Conroy who has arrived from Sheffield United to take over the No. 1 position; Bob Oates, a player of vast experience who comes to us from Scunthorpe United; Les Chapman, previously with Oldham and Huddersfield who joins us from Bradford City; Mike Doyle, former Manchester City and England star who was with Bolton Wanderers last season; Ian Griffiths who joins us from Tranmere; Vernon Allatt, previously with Halifax, and Steve Johnson who was signed from neighbours Bury.

We hope your stay with Dale is a happy one.

SUPPORTERS SCENE

Welcome to Spotland for another season, a season we are looking forward to with optimism.

Last season produced another late nail-biter as far as Dale were concerned with the point gained at Tranmere saving the club from another re-election application.

We would like to thank all the fans who travelled to Tranmere for that vital game. Their vocal support was tremendous.

While on travel, the Supporters Club coaches will start and finish at Spotland this coming season. There will be a pick-up point on The Esplanade and fans wishing to join the coaches there must be on time, as the coaches will not be able to wait.

Fans wanting to use the social club at Bury on Tuesday must produce their current Supporters Club membership card.

The steward at Bury reserves the right to refuse admittance.

If you have any items of interest you may think worthy of publication in this season's programmes please contact your programme editors Les Barlow or Brian Clough through the Dale commercial office.

UP THE DALE

PEN PICTURES

JOHN PLATT (Goalkeeper) — When Republic of Ireland 'keeper Jim McDonagh moved to Notts County, John McGovern turned to near neighbours Bury and signed up former Oldham Athletic No. 1 John Platt. Born in Ashton, John had seven seasons at Boundary Park before his move to Bury.

GERRY McELHINNEY (Defender) — Signed from Distillery at the beginning of the 80/81 season, a former Gaelic footballer and amateur boxer, who made his debut for the Wanderers soon after signing. An aggressive enthusiastic defender who just failed to make the Northern Ireland Cup squad. Played for Dale on loan last season.

RAY DEAKIN (Defender) — A left full back who can also play in midfield, Ray joined the Wanderers in the summer of 1982 on a free transfer from Port Vale. Began his career with Everton.

ERIC SNOOKES (Defender) — A close season signing from Rochdale where he spent five seasons, Eric is a defender John McGovern had been keeping tabs on for some time. The Birmingham born fullback started his career with Preston and had spells at Crewe and Southport.

PETER VALENTINE (Defender) — Peter exchanged places during the summer with former Wanderers' skipper Paul Jones who joined Huddersfield.

BRIAN BORROWS (Defender/midfield) — A regular fullback berth at Everton in the First Division brought Brian to the attention of a number of clubs last season, Wanderers stepping in just before the transfer deadline. Eight appearances last season in Bolton colours were all in midfield.

JOHN McGOVERN (Midfield) — John was appointed Player/Manager in June '82. One of the games most respected players, he has won League Championship honours with Derby County and Nottingham Forest — whom he also led as captain to two European Cup and two League Cup successes.

WARREN JOYCE (Midfield) — Son of club coach Walter, Warren got his chance in midfield last season. A county cricketer at colts level and a rugby union schoolboy tourist makes Warren an all round sportsman.

STEVE THOMPSON (Midfield) — Three appearances all away from home, was Steve's taste of first team action last season. Operates wide in midfield but likes to home in on goal with his powerful shooting.

NEIL REDFEARN (Midfield) — It was impossible to ignore Neil's talent last season and when John McGovern was looking for someone to slot into his own midfield position when he was injured, Neil got the job. Neil made 10 first team appearances last season.

JEFF CHANDLER (Striker) — A livewire winger with an abundance of skill and control. Jeff cost Wanderers a modest £40,000 when he signed from Leeds United in October 1981. The Hammersmith born lad, who began his League career with Blackpool has won International recognition with the Republic of Ireland.

WAYNE FOSTER (Striker) — A former local schoolboy, Foster came onto the Wanderers' scene in the 1981/82 season and commanded a regular place in the attack. Recognised at representative level he got his first England Youth cap in Scotland in a European Championship qualifier.

SIMON RUDGE (Striker) — Simon won the hearts of the Bolton fans with his terror-like qualities last season.

TONY CALDWELL (Striker) — Record breaking scoring feats in Non-League football meant Tony was sure to attract attention sooner or later from one of the North West League clubs. Bolton moved in and signed the self employed electrician on part time professional terms from Horwich R.M.I.

DALE DIARY

LANCS. MANX CUP

Tuesday 16th August, Bury v Dale KO 7.30 pm
Saturday 20th August, Dale v Wigan Athletic KO 3.00 pm

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday 27th August, Dale v Crewe A. KO 3.00 pm
Saturday 3rd September, York C. v Dale KO 3.00 pm
Tuesday 6th September, Wrexham v Dale KO 3.00 pm

MILK CUP

Tuesday 30th August, Dale v Stockport County KO 7.30 pm

ROCHDALE BOLTON WANDERERS

FROM

Steve Conroy

Bob Oates

Les Chapman

Andy Higgins

Mike Doyle

Peter Farrell

Neville Hamilton

Dave Thompson

Steve Johnson

Vernon Allatt

Ian Griffiths

Jimmy Greenhoff

Bill Williams

Stuart Thompson

Malcolm O'Connor

FROM

John Platt

Ray Deakin

Eric Snookes

Gerry McElhinney

Peter Valentine

Brian Borrows

John McGovern

Warren Joyce

Steve Thompson

Neil Redfearn

Jeff Chandler

Wayne Foster

Simon Rudge

Tony Caldwell

Referee: Mr D. Scott (Burnley)

Linesmen: Mr T. Little (Burnley)

Mr J. Wray (Burnley)

MASCOT

The Dale mascot for today's game is
Gary Thompson of Larkfield Close,
Greenmount, Bury.

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